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RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the use of Indiana limestone.

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Whereas, Indiana limestone, a natural product formed some 300 million years ago in the shallow seas that covered southern Indiana, has a very uniform texture and grade and has gained worldwide acceptance as a premier dimension stone;

Whereas, Indiana limestone weathers naturally over time, and the color mellows into a pleasing natural patina that improves with age;

Whereas, Even before Indiana was admitted to the Union in 1816, a light-colored, fine-grained native stone had been used by pioneer settlers for cabin foundations, door sills, milling burrs, and memorials;

Whereas, With the arrival of North-South and East-West railroads into southern Indiana, the market for Indiana limestone increased due to architectural demand for stone with a light-neutral color to complement the various Revival styles of the era;

Whereas, Indiana stonework won merit and quality awards at the Philadelphia and New Orleans Centennial Expositions of 1876, and contracts for Indiana limestone in two major public buildings, the Indiana Statehouse and the Chicago City Hall, established its reputation of superior weather resistance, ease of shaping, consistent quality, boundless



supply, and good public and architectural acceptance;

Whereas, In the final decades of the 19th century, Indiana limestone was chosen for an increasing number of city halls, statehouses, and federal office buildings, and to meet this increased demand, the number of quarries and stone fabrication shops in southern Indiana doubled between the years of 1889 and 1895;

Whereas, The Empire State Building, the Department of Commerce, Yankee Stadium, the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., and the Tribune Tower as well as many other major buildings were constructed of Indiana limestone;

Whereas, Indiana limestone was named the "Official State Stone" by an act of the Indiana General Assembly on March 1, 1971;

Whereas, The Indiana Limestone Institute of America has been an active advocate for the Indiana limestone industry since 1928 and provides education, technical expertise, and problem solving that facilitates the usage of Indiana limestone and counts 90 members in 22 states and Canada who support its efforts; and

Whereas, The ability of Indiana limestone to easily adapt to various architectural styles, and its pleasing natural color, ease of shaping, cost effectiveness, and durability are advantages that have all worked together to maintain the stone's popularity throughout the years: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly supports the
2 efforts of the Indiana Limestone Institute of America in advocating for
3 the Indiana limestone industry.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Jim Owens,
6 executive director of the Indiana Limestone Institute of America.

